

House Resolution 104 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 104

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1 A Resolution to honor the Blue Star Mothers of America,
2 Inc.

3 WHEREAS, the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., was
4 founded as a patriotic service organization on February
5 2, 1942, to unite mothers who had sons or daughters in
6 the United States armed forces; and

7 WHEREAS, the nonpartisan, nonsectarian, and
8 nondiscriminatory nonprofit organization was chartered
9 by the Congress of the United States in 1960; and

10 WHEREAS, persons eligible for membership in the
11 organization include mothers and stepmothers who have
12 sons or daughters who are currently serving in the
13 United States military or who are honorably discharged
14 veterans; and

15 WHEREAS, the work of the Blue Star Mothers of
16 America, Inc., includes providing support for
17 active duty service personnel and their families,
18 promoting patriotism, and assisting various veterans
19 organizations such as the American Gold Star
20 Mothers; and

21 WHEREAS, the work of the Blue Star Mothers of
22 America, Inc., is increasingly important with more
23 than 450,000 members of the United States Army Reserve
24 components having been called to active service around
25 the world since 2001; and

26 WHEREAS, the dedication, sacrifice, and hard work

27 of the devoted members of the Blue Star Mothers of
28 America, Inc., merit recognition; and

1 WHEREAS, the Blue Star Service flag is the official
2 banner authorized by the United States Department
3 of Defense for display by families who have members
4 serving in the United States armed forces during a
5 period of war or armed conflict the nation may be
6 engaged in for the duration of such hostilities; and

7 WHEREAS, the Blue Star Service flag was designed and
8 patented by World War I Army Captain Robert L. Queisser
9 of the 5th Ohio Infantry, who had two sons serving
10 on the front lines and the flag quickly became an
11 unofficial symbol of a child in service; NOW THEREFORE,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
13 the House of Representatives recognizes and celebrates
14 the history and contributions of Blue Star Mothers of
15 America, Inc., and honor their sacrifice and dedication
16 to our nation.